

SENATOR CARPENTER: The Chairman is not here plus I have a request to the administration as well as the fiscal analyst in order to bring in some estimates or perhaps they can make an estimate on this thing and they indicated that they would have the estimate sometimes this week. I certainly have no desire to delay this bill but I think that it should be put over until the first day of....Monday also.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter is asking to pass over.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The only reason is to get an A bill before we consider it any further.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to passing over 613 until the A bill catches up with it, or until there is one? Any objections? Hearing none, so ordered. The bill is held over until Monday. That brings up for general file discussion LB599. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: A...a...Mr...

CLERK: Read LB599.

SENATOR CARPENTER: This bill was introduced at the direction of the Executive Council which appointed two subcommittees sponsored or chaired by Senator Schmit and its Chairman, in order to develop whatever the needs were in the broad field particularly in this case of public utilities both public and private. One of the things that we brought about in our general discussion was that probably the utilities both public and private did not have the right by law to make a determination as to who they should shut off on the interruptible contract that they might have or any other instance. All this does is gives them the right by law to exercise their discretion and responsibility to shut people off in relationship to the importance within their own judgment. Now I presume sooner or later that we will have another bill which will give the governor the broad discretion in order to make a determination by the refinement of certain categories because over a period of time I have reasonable a...a...or I have reason to believe and think that we are going to have a lot of difficulty and a lot of people to be determined as to who is going to be shut off and who is going to be left on. All this bill does is gives to the public utilities the right to make the determination as to who should be shut off and in what order. I move that the bill be passed from General File to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I guess I have a question of the Ag. Committee Chairman or maybe it is not in my book, but I don't have a committee report on that thing. Did it have a public hearing?

PRESIDENT: On LB599?

SENATOR BARNETT: Right, I have no committee report on it and it might just be missing from my book, I don't know. Maybe it is missing from somebody else's.

PRESIDENT: Stand by. Senator Schmit is on his feet. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the legislature the bill did have a public hearing and I just checked with the